



## **Community News and Events**

### **Hayashi Introduces Comprehensive Sports Injury Legislation to Protect High School Students**



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi introduced two bills to address the problem of recurring concussions and life-threatening injuries among high school athletes. [AB 1646](#) will add training on potentially catastrophic injuries, such as head and neck injuries, asthma attacks, and heatstroke, to the CPR and first aid certification required of all California high school coaches. [AB 1647](#) will require athletes suspected of having a concussion to get a doctor's written permission before returning to play.

A 2009 study showed that 41 percent of high school athletes who suffered a concussion returned to play prematurely. The New York Times reported that head injuries resulted in at least 50 deaths and critical injuries among high school and youth football players since 1997. For females, the leading cause of high school sports concussion is soccer, and a 2009 American Journal of Sports Medicine article showed that female athletes are suffering more significant effects from multiple concussions than male athletes. The American Academy of Family Physicians estimates that 20 percent of high school players have had at least one concussion, and the incidence of catastrophic head injuries, including brain bleeding and swelling, is more than three times greater among high school football players than college players.

These two bills seek to prevent high school students who suffer a concussion from returning to play before they are completely healed. Often times, the student athlete feels pressure to 'shake it off' and return to the game prematurely, leading to possible negative effects such as memory loss, depression and sleep disorders. AB 1646 and 1647 puts the decision making in the hands of the adults closest to them – high school coaches with training, parents and a family doctor.

## **Budget Update: Governor Releases His 2010-2011 State Budget**

In early January, Governor Schwarzenegger released his 2010-11 State Budget and offered a plan to offset the expected \$20 Billion budget shortfall. His proposals would lower funding for education, healthcare services, and programs which allow the elderly and persons with disabilities to live independently within their own communities.

The major aspects include seeking program reforms to cut services. Without any new revenue streams, the governor proposes to eliminate California's Welfare-to-Work program (CalWorks), eliminate general fund spending on mental health services, reduce the number of Californians eligible to receive Medi-Cal, eliminate In-Home Support Services for 430,000 elderly and disabled recipients, eliminate the Healthy Families program providing health insurance to 900,000 low-income children, eliminate enrollment growth at University of California and California State University systems, cut trial courts' budget by \$100 Million, and eliminate transitional housing program for foster youth emancipated at age 18.

Additionally, the governor's budget proposes a nearly \$1.5 Billion reduction for K-12 public schools, which will cause local school districts to reduce their budgets by millions of dollars. To read more about the governor's budget proposals – [click here](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/acs/newcomframeset.asp?committee=4). (<http://www.assembly.ca.gov/acs/newcomframeset.asp?committee=4>)

I encourage you to contact Governor Schwarzenegger and provide feedback on his budget proposal:

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: 916-445-2841

Email Web Form at: <http://www.gov.ca.gov/interact#contact>

## **Korean American Day Celebrated at the State Capitol**



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi presented Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 96 in the Assembly Chambers of the State Capitol. The resolution recognizes January 13th as Korean-American Day providing an opportunity for the Korean American community to reflect on over a century of community, unity, and progress.

Korean American Day was established five years ago when the Assembly adopted House Resolution 38, designating January 13th of each year as Korean-American Day and marking the 100-year anniversary of Korean immigration to the U.S. On January 13, 1903, the first Korean immigrants to the U.S. ventured across the Pacific and arrived in Hawaii.

Mr. Bon-Woo Koo, South Korea's Consul General in San Francisco, and representatives from the Korean Chamber of Commerce, the Korean American Community Association of Greater Sacramento, the Korean American Association of San Francisco & Bay Area, and the Korean Cultural Center of San Francisco were present to take part in the celebration.

## Distinguished Honors Given During Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Festivities in Sacramento

The State Assembly celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by honoring Sherry Hirota, the CEO of Asian Health Services; Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr., Pastor Emeritus of Allen Temple Baptist Church; Dolores Huerta, President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation; and Dr. William Lee, Publisher of the Observer Newspapers in a special Assembly Floor ceremony.

This special event recognized the national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's birthday. This federal holiday is a day devoted to the life and legacy of a man who changed the future of civil rights and brought a new justice to America. It is a day to give back to our communities and share with our families, friends, and children the spirit of a man who sacrificed his life for us to live a better future. The event marked the 24th anniversary of the national holiday in Dr. King's honor.



## Assemblymember Hayashi Recognized by these Formidable Organizations for Her Leadership and Voting Record



The California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG) released its 2009 Legislative Scorecard in early January and gave Assemblymember Hayashi a perfect score for her legislative voting record with regards to consumer protection. CALPIRG evaluated the Assemblymember on her votes to provide safeguards against loan modifications, prevent deceptive lending practices, and guarantee consumers the right to opt-out of monthly subscriptions that resulted from free trial offers.



California's Political Action Committee for Animals

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An organization which fights for the rights of animals, PAWPAC, recently awarded Assemblymember Hayashi an "A+" for her 2009 legislative voting record. PAWPAC based its decision on legislation to prevent puppy mills from operating in California, prohibit convicted animal abusers from owning an animal, and eliminate the practice of cutting off the tails of dairy cattle.



The California Small Business Association (CSBA) released its annual Honor Roll recognizing Assemblymember Hayashi's commitment to Small Businesses in 2009. Hayashi ranked at the very top of the honor roll scoring the coveted "Summa Cum Laude" award. CSBA commended Hayashi for supporting "small businesses that are the backbone of California's economy and will be the job generators for helping the state create jobs and increase revenues both for the local communities and the state." Issues of importance to CSBA were budget reform, fair and equal tax policies, and affordable technology services and education.



Assemblymember Hayashi earned a 100% score from Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC) for her 2009 legislative voting record. PPAC based its decision on bills to strengthen the penalties against human trafficking, require mammography coverage based on the referral of a doctor, guarantee maternity coverage for all individualized health plans, and prohibit the use of the chemical bisphenol A (BPA) over certain levels in bottles, and food and beverage containers intended for use by children under three, just to name a few.



The East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) honored Assemblymember Hayashi with a resolution in early January for her strong advocacy for health care reform, working to protect the rights of both insured and uninsured Californians, and her legislation encouraging and supporting the public sector in adopting green building practices to reduce global warming.

Founded in 1990, the East Bay EDA serves to establish the East Bay as a world-recognized location to grow businesses, attract capital and create quality jobs.



The East Bay Municipal Utility District Board of Directors (EBMUD) presented Assemblymember Mary Hayashi with a resolution commending her efforts to protect ratepayers' interest and support good public policy during the latest comprehensive water policy reform legislation in Sacramento.

EBMUD recognized Hayashi's support in restoring the Delta ecosystem, improving water supply reliability for all Californians, and ensuring fair treatment for the 1.3 million residents of the East Bay and Northern California with regard to protecting their water supplies.



## Hayashi Gives Keynote Address on the State of the State at California Society of CPA's Annual Honorees Night



Assemblymember Hayashi gave the keynote address at the California Society of Certified Public Accountants' (CalCPA) Annual Honorees Night in Oakland. As the Chair of the Assembly Business and Professions Committee, Hayashi spoke about the steps the state has taken to provide oversight of this dynamic industry and further its mission to protect consumers. She also spoke about the latest issues facing the state and called upon everyone in the room to continue to contribute their talents for the future of California.

Hayashi presented an Assembly Resolution to Mrs. Mayno Baldwin, the wife of the late Stephen Baldwin, who was the posthumous recipient of the LeVerne W. Garcia Award for Outstanding Achievement. Mr. Baldwin was recognized for his distinguished service to the profession of public accounting and the community. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin served on the Board of Directors for the California Symphony and Mr. Baldwin served on the Board of Directors for the Animal Rescue Foundation and helped establish the Dean and Margaret Lesher Foundation.



CalCPA also presented awards and scholarships that evening to area college students majoring in accounting who have achieved outstanding academic credentials. They included Danielle Bortoli, Jacqueline Lee, Jenny Zhou, Libby Zhou, Kelly Cao, Janet Lin, Chelsey Marderosian, and Aron Schindler. Congratulations!

## Congressman Jerry McNerney and Assemblymember Hayashi Honor Realtor Pat Huffman's Service



2009 Bay East Association of Realtors President Pat Huffman received state and federal recognition on January 30<sup>th</sup> for her leadership in the real estate industry. Ms. Huffman has been a licensed realtor for 30 years and owns Pat Huffman Real Estate.

She serves as Chair of the Professional Standards Council and as a member of the California Association of Realtors. Her community leadership has helped organizations such as the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

Ms.. Huffman has earned great respect among the industry's leaders and admiration from the members of the Bay East Association of Realtors. Congratulations!

## 2010 Castro Valley / Eden Area Chamber of Commerce Board Sworn In by Assemblymember Hayashi



On January 21<sup>st</sup>, the Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce installed the 2010 Executive Officers and Board of Directors and thanked the 2009 President Sue Hohl for her leadership by presenting her with the Presidential Plaque of Appreciation.

Assemblymember Hayashi swore in the 2010 Executive Officers, President Brian Morrison; Vice Presidents Jim Murphy, Mel Speed and Dave Wilhite; Treasurer Beth Moore; and Board Representative Pat Flanagan.



In addition to the Executive Officers, Hayashi swore in Directors George Bischalaney, Gerald Cockrill, Steve Dimick, Bebe Duarte, Sue Hohl, Karen Jonke, Bill Mulgrew, Jim Negri, Al Proietti and Mike Wiesner. Congratulations and thank you for your service to the business community of Castro Valley and Eden Area.

## Hayward Chamber of Commerce Honors Outstanding Community Heroes and Leaders



The Hayward Chamber of Commerce held its annual Awards Night Gala this year at California State University, East Bay's Student Union.

Assemblymember Hayashi presented a resolution honoring Firefighter of the Year Gary Bisagno of the Hayward Fire Department (pictured left). He is a 28 year veteran of the department and currently serves as an Apparatus Operator. Each year, Mr. Bisagno participates in Local 1909's scholarship activities for high school students and the Toys for Tots program.



Pictured to the right, Educator of the Year Irma Torres-Fitzsimmons was recognized for her success in turning around poor performing schools as a principal. Last year, Ms. Torres-Fitzsimmons' school, Palma Ceia Elementary, had the largest single year increase in the Academic Performance Index of any other school in the district – a gain of 51 points.

Additionally, Assemblymember Hayashi acknowledged Business Person of the Year Steve Miller for his 20 years of involvement in the community and his achievement of getting Hayward nationally recognized for the Stonebrea Country Club and its PGA golf tournament. Mr. Miller not only gives his time to the community but is a generous philanthropist for educational, civic and recreational programs.

Native Hayward resident, Mr. Kenneth Henderson, was honored as Police Officer of the Year with nearly 10 years of service at the Hayward Police Department. Officer Henderson serves as a School Resource Officer for Tennyson High School. He was commended for his outstanding ability to work with educators, students, and parents to bring about security and safety to our local high school.

The Hayward Chamber also presented its lifetime achievement award to retired Alameda County Sheriff Charles Plummer for his forty plus years of service.

## Pleasanton's Community Newspaper the Pleasanton Weekly Celebrates Its 10th Year Anniversary



Founded by Bill Johnson ten years ago, the Pleasanton Weekly celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary on January 28<sup>th</sup> at Faz Restaurant among a large crowd of supporters. The weekly newspaper's goal has been to provide better and more insightful community news coverage than the area's larger daily newspapers.

Assemblymember Hayashi joined Congressman Jerry McNerney in presenting a resolution, also signed by fellow Pleasanton Assemblymembers Alberto Torrico and Joan Buchanan, congratulating the newspaper on its success and dedication to being a respected voice in the City of Pleasanton and a valuable supporter of community projects and programs.

Pictured with Assemblymember Hayashi (left-to-right) are Pleasanton Weekly President Gina Channell-Allen, Congressman Jerry McNerney and Editor Jeb Bing.

## Manor Bowl of San Leandro Celebrates 50 Years of Service

For 50 years, San Leandrans have enjoyed the individual and family recreation at Manor Bowl. Currently run by owners Walt and Stacy Aldred, Manor Bowl provides a place for members of the community to come together year round for activities and events that reinforce neighborhood bonds.

The bowling center hosts tournaments, birthday parties, programs for seniors, and group and corporate events. In conjunction with the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, Manor Bowl celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 21<sup>st</sup> by inviting the community to free bowling, food and fun. Best wishes for 50 more years of success!



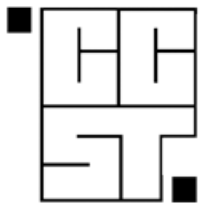
## Grants Available for College, Fellowships and Health Sector Non-Profit Executives



Are you a senior in high school or a recent graduate? Do you need assistance paying for public or private college education in California? For those students who have earned a 2.0 grade point average or higher, meet financial and eligibility requirements, they may qualify for a CalGrant worth up to \$9700 to pay for tuition and fees at University of California, California State University or California's Community Colleges. This is money you do not have to pay back – it's not a loan. The March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline is fast approaching. For more information, please go to [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org).

**Greater Hayward Area Recreation and Park Foundation** has announced that it is seeking applications for the Roxanna Salina Dream Fund, which provides a \$500 grant to college bound students. Nomination forms and completed applications must be received by February 12<sup>th</sup> to: GHARPF c/o 1099 E Street, Hayward, CA 94541. For more information, please call Kerrilyn Ely at (510) 881-6704.





The **California Council on Science and Technology** is currently accepting applications from PhD-level (or equivalent) scientists or engineers for the 2010-11 California Science and Technology Policy Fellowships.

The Fellows “will assist legislators in formulating and evaluating science and technology policy for California. Areas of consultation could include legislation related to pressing issues and challenges, such as healthcare, bioethics, energy and water resource management.” Deadline for applications is February 12, 2010. For more information, go to: [www.fellows.ccst.us](http://www.fellows.ccst.us)



**The California Wellness Foundation**

*Grantmaking for a Healthier California*

The **California Wellness Foundation** announced it is seeking applications for its 2010 Sabbatical Program Award for health non-profit executives. In an effort to prevent burnout and stress-related injuries, the \$35,000 grant allows health non-profit executives spend up to six months away from the workplace to rest, so when they return to work they are renewed and energized. For more information, please go to: [www.calwellness.org](http://www.calwellness.org).

### John Pérez Elected as the Next Speaker of the State Assembly

Assemblymember John Pérez (D-Los Angeles) was elected in early January as the next Speaker of the Assembly. Influenced by his family’s working class values and ideals, Assemblymember Pérez has led an inspirational life, one that has affected so many people and made a difference in so many lives.

His courageous leadership and unfailing determination has helped working families to obtain fair wages, gain access to healthcare, and organize together for safer homes and workplaces. As he has done throughout his life, he will carry out his duties with dignity and strength, and champion our values and issues with much success.

Assemblymember Hayashi rose in support of John Pérez and seconded his nomination. Assembly Speaker Bass and Assemblymember Perez have scheduled March 1, 2010 as the transition date when Pérez will be officially sworn in as the 68th Speaker of the California State Assembly.



## **State Public Works Board Meeting and Agenda**



Appointed by Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi is a member of the State Public Works Board (SPWB) as a legislative advisor. The State Public Works Board was created by the Legislature to oversee the fiscal matters associated with construction of projects for state agencies, and to select and acquire real property for state facilities and programs. The SPWB is also the issuer of lease-revenue bonds, which is a form of long term

financing that is used to pay for capital projects.

The Legislature appropriates funds for capital outlay projects such as acquiring land, planning and constructing new buildings, expanding or modifying existing buildings, and/or purchasing equipment related to such construction. Through review and approval processes, the SPWB ensures that capital outlay projects adhere to the Legislature's appropriation intentions.

### **Next Board Meeting**

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 2040

**[MEETING NOTICE CLICK HERE](#)**

Online Link: <http://www.spwb.ca.gov>

## Assemblymember Hayashi's Previous Voting Record and Helpful Links

AFSCME	100% Rating
Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating
California Alliance for Retired Americans	100% Rating
California Labor Federation	100% Rating
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating
California Public Interest & Research Group	100% Rating
California Small Business Association	Highest Ranking
California State Sheriffs' Association	Highest Ranking
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating
Equality California	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating
National Association of Social Workers – CA	100% Rating
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking
Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California	100% Rating
Sierra Club	100% Rating

Assemblymember Hayashi's Website [\(Click Here\)](#)

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## Resources Available

### New Publication Available

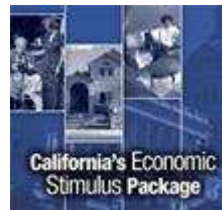


H1N1 (Swine) Flu

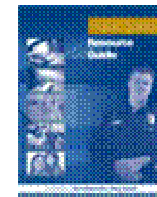
### Publications Available



Global Warming – How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint



California's Economic Stimulus Package



Public Safety Resource Guide



Child Immunization Law



High Blood Pressure



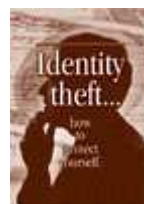
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



The California State Budget Process

Free community resource guides are now available online or in print through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

## State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find these and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi) and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web surfers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

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